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Dear Howard,

Problems here are like Medusa. Solve one and two appear, not all unpleasant. Got hundreds and hundred of tulips from a man whose blubs came in too late for Easter. As you know, we have much space for beautiful things, and a liking for them (esp. Lil) so, when he was stuck and I could get them for little, I cleaned him out. He threw in his left-over pansies (which will still bloom, about a dozen boxes of phlox, etc., and I spent the day digging and planting. In the midst of it we got 25 three-year old pines to fill in those lost and 25 white dogwoods. When I took the guys pots back tonight he gave me a half-dozen past-bloom azaleas, so - have a good start ahead at daylight. The tulips, fortunately, get set aside to dry. We have the porch table covered and 11 flats of them drying, besides 7 boxes, still potted, perhaps 300 bulbs, still to give away, having already supplied all the neighbors with what they'd take.

Today also I heard from the court in Chicago. Based upon an extension of that letter I've already mailed the copy of my complaint to the court and the Marshal for serving, to Chicago AP and a friend on a radio station there. Which almost exhausts my copies. When I am in DC again, perhaps I can have some more made.

And there are other new/old needs to be taken care of tomorrow.

Re 30th, thanks. Suggestion for future letters: where you say it is impossible for you to supply stat, say instead I do not have an immediately-available electrostatic copy. Understand? Or ignore it and let him ask. Your description was adequate. Why raise questions.

Sketch: your red line stops on left side. It the description to you is a) accurate and be from an A-P projection, we do not know where they are from front to back, do we? In the latter event, conditional upon a, of which I am not persuaded, two possibilities immediately suggest themselves: the Rot(s) was more sideways and at more of an up/down angle. The indefinitoness in the panel report leads me to believe your correspondent had a convenient lapse of memory and these are, actually, lower.

Uriey 6/1: Appreciate and thanks for opening.

You are wiser to consult Fil,by phone on lungs. I also believe him to be more dependable and less likely to be interpreting in terms of his own perhaps dubious theories. It is not now likely I'll have time to see Fil, if he has time. If this changes, I'll let you know. I would like to but other things are now, I think, of higher priority. For me, that is.

LBJ-CBS, no plans. Perhaps I'll have a few cracks in a book at some point. I've kept clips, including whitewashes, did get meaningful comment in London Times.

Lifton: if he is in no hurry: there is less reason for you to be. I still suggest if you can without great trouble sometimes make a dub, let him have it. Or I know someone better out there who'd probably like to add it to a collection who'd made a dub of your dub for him, keeping the better copy. Let me know. This person has a very good tape collection, Good people, too. Let me know...Unfortunately, we learn most and best by error. Sometimes painful. Also inevitable. Don't grieve, profit. Don't go to far other direction. Integrity is the thing, but pride has its importances and ego is normal & proper. If controlled, which often is not easy.

Hastily,